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Alleged child abductor arrested at Alberta cabin

Randall Hopley is being held in Cranbrook and is expected to make his first court appearance this morning He is arrested for kidnapping and abducting a child under 14

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▶ RCMP Const. Kathryn Morrison chats with local children Tye, 3, and Kaelen Vinet, 4, as RCMP hold a press conference to give details regarding the arrest of Randall Hopley, inset, near Sparwood.

The man arrested yesterday on kidnapping and child abduction charges in the disappearance of three-year-old Kienan Hebert was found hiding in an old mining cabin in southwestern Alberta, his scent picked up by an astute police dog.

Randall Hopley, 46, was arrested in a remote area near Crowsnest Pass, a short drive away from Kienan's home in Sparwood.

"It doesn't get any better than this," a smiling Insp. Brendan Fitzpatrick told a news conference.

Kienan vanished nearly a week ago from his house, and it was there that he mysteriously reappeared this past Sunday.

The boy's disappearance prompted a massive search around the home, an Amber Alert that eventually spanned two provinces and days of breathless headlines across the country as the public and Kienan's family hoped he would be found safe.

Fitzpatrick said a tip led police to an area near Crowsnest Lake, not far from a local bible camp. Fitzpatrick said the Mounties arrived Monday night, a perimeter was set up and police dogs began combing the area.

By yesterday morning, the dogs had reached a set of abandoned mining cabins.

"As one (of the dog handlers) knocked on the door, the dog indicated that there was possibly some activity, and the dog master and the police dog pursued that and it resulted in Mr. Hopley being arrested in a short chase," Fitzpatrick said.

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Anton unveils focus of campaign

NPA mayoral candidate Suzanne Anton presented a three-fold focus on neighbourhoods, prosperity and accountability at a press conference yesterday.

She emphasized the need for better leadership and accountability.

▶ Suzanne Anton

If she were elected, Anton said, one of her first actions would be to lift the "media gag order" on civil servants and to publish thorough accounts of council spending.

NPA will announce specific policies on taxes in October.

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Motorist drives on boardwalk

Witnesses were quick to call police when a suspected impaired 29-year-old Vancouver man drove his Audi on the pedestrian boardwalk along the Fraser River in New Westminster yesterday morning.

Police arrived in time to see the grey vehicle nosing its way off the boardwalk and onto a nearby street.

No one was hurt.

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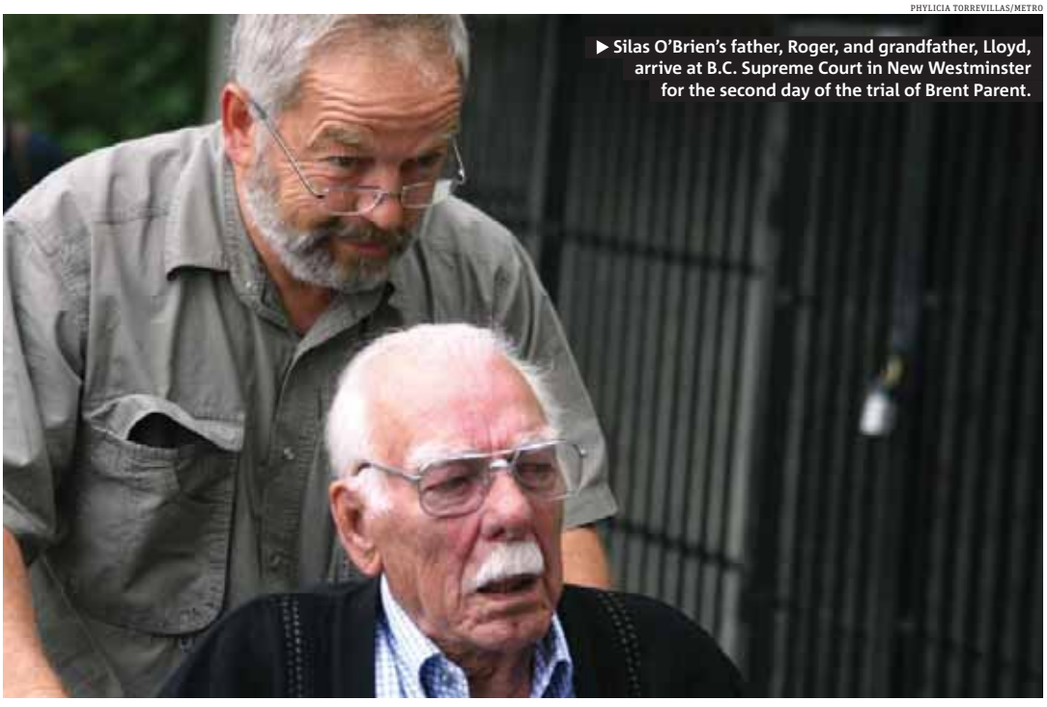

▶ Silas O'Brien's father, Roger, and grandfather, Lloyd, arrive at B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster for the second day of the trial of Brent Parent.

Road-rage trial continues

Accused appeared 'shocked and stunned' when common-law spouse asked him about the collision she saw on TV newscast ◐ Brent Parent was in hot tub with his brother shortly after victim was run down: Crown

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The ex-common-law spouse of a man charged in the March 2008 hit-and-run death of 21-year-old Silas O'Brien says the accused was home and in his hot tub in the hours following the incident.

Jill Suter, who was separated from, but still lived with, Brent Parent during the time of the accident testified on the second day of the high-profile road-rage trial that she was awoken by Parent and his brother, Lloyd Teneycke, between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on March 13, 2008.

Suter, who was in a relationship with Parent for 14 years, said she yelled out the window for the pair to quiet down. It was after her third attempt that the two decided to call it a night at around 5 a.m.

She woke up at 7 a.m., made coffee, went to the living room and watched TV. She described how she saw the news about the collision that happened on 16th Avenue and heard that police were looking for a white Ford F-150.

During defence lawyer Vincent Michaels' cross-examination, Suter claimed that Teneycke, who was sleeping on the couch, woke up and watched the same newscast with her.

Suter claimed Teneycke, who Crown counsel alleges was with Parent during the time of the incident, had his "hands on his head" and was saying "Oh my God, oh my God."

She said she told Parent about the newscast a few minutes later and claimed he appeared to be in a state of shock.

"He didn't say anything, but he looked sick and white and just stood there," Suter testified.

Teneycke will be taking the stand next. The Crown's case is expected to conclude this week, followed by the defence's case next week.

Parent is expected to take the stand later in the trial.

1 news

An Ontario couple has turned to the courts for help with looking into health effects of the wind turbines that may soon be in their backyard. Scan code for the story.

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On the web

Ethan Hawke's assessment of the filmmaking game in 2011: Easier than ever to make films, but harder than ever to make money. Video at metronews.ca

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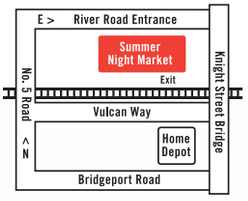

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B.C. child welfare undermined

Scathing report released yesterday on 2007 child death Children's rep bemoans lack of accountability

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B.C.'s children's watchdog is desperately pleading with the government to close a loophole that may have led to an infant's death in 2007.

On April 16 of that year, the child's caregiver returned home to find the child unresponsive. He died in hospital.

Though the cause of death — ruled a sudden unexpected death in infancy — could not be determined, Representative for Children and Youth Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond says the child's history with social workers was one of "confusion and chaos."

According to Turpel-Lafond's report, the child's file switched hands five times between a delegated aboriginal agency and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, as the mother, who had known drug addiction issues and two other children taken away, frequently moved onto and off of a reserve.

A dizzying 16 social workers worked on the case over a year and various plans were drawn up for seven potential caregivers.

Despite having grave concerns about the eventual caregiver — a relative with a criminal record — neither agency was present or filed documents in court when a decision was made. The only information the judge had was the mother's own consent.

Turpel-Lafond is urging the government to revise the Family Relations Act to ensure judges can access critical information about any proposed guardians.

"It's a loophole in the family law system and this isn't the only case like this. I want that fixed. Let's not let people undermine the system," said Turpel-Lafond.

Minister Mary McNeil said many of Turpel-Lafond's recommendations are being followed up on.

"It's more difficult for this to happen today. (The report) validates we're on the right track."

Holy rappelling, Batman!

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▶ A Rocky Mountain Chocolate employee is all smiles as he rappels down the outside of the AXA building in Vancouver yesterday as part of the annual Easter Seals Drop Zone event.

Swaying 83 metres above Burrard and Cordova streets, the advice from my rappel leader was hardly comforting.

"Just lean back."

Scaling down the AXA building as part of the sixth annual Easter Seal's Drop Zone fundraiser yesterday did not conjure the usual fuzzy feelings one experiences when participating in a charity event.

Stephen Miller, CEO of Easter Seals B.C./Yukon, said Drop Zone is special because it puts into perspective how children with disabilities face their fears daily.

"The challenge of rappelling down a 20-storey building is nothing compared to the challenges for disabled children everyday," he said.

The 80 participants were required to raise at least $1,500 toward Easter Seals Houses and summer camps.

Many dressed as their favourite superhero for extra inspiration — but even Batman experiences butterflies.

"The kids are the real superheroes," Miller said. "I think it is wonderful that the kids give strength to inspire everyone."

The event takes place in 13 cities across Canada.

Drop Zone in B.C. raises $210,000, providing 35,000 sleeps at camp for children each year.

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▶ Descendants of the 1933 soccer team inducted into the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame at the Bank of Montreal branch in Chinatown yesterday.

Overcoming all odds

Several athletes inducted to B.C. Sports Hall of Fame yesterday

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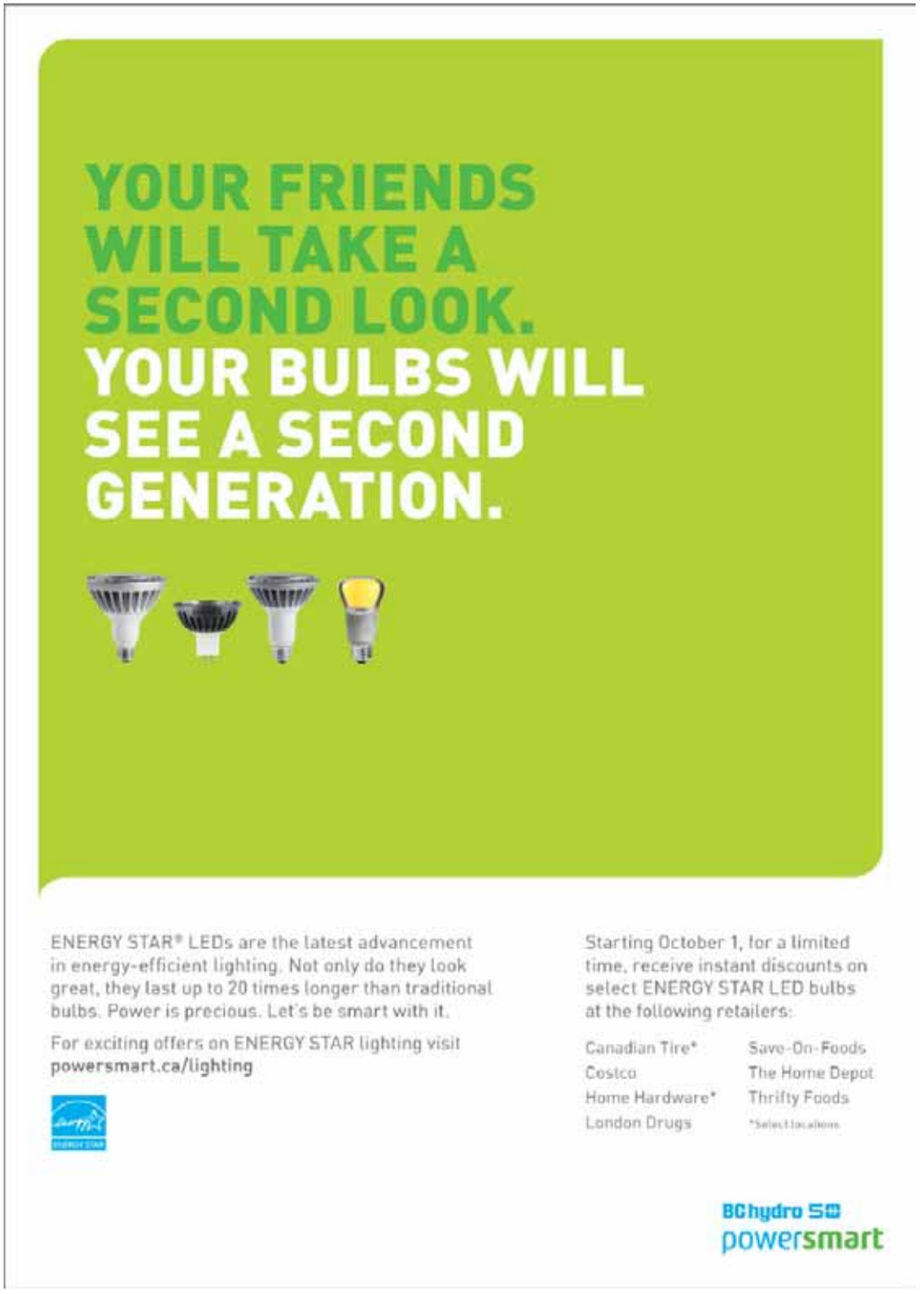
Joining the likes of Trevor Linden and the B.C. members of the 2010 gold medal-winning hockey team in B.C.'s Sports Hall of Fame yesterday was a 1933 Chinese immigrant soccer team.

The team's defeat over UBC is not only a story of their admirable athleticism, but of their determination at a time of severe immigrant inequalities.

Sue Griffin, president and CEO of the hall of fame, was proud of the team's induction.

"It not only speaks about sport but about culture," she said. "Through all the hardships and racial barriers sport was used as a vehicle and broke those barriers down."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American family missing in B.C.

RCMP in Fort St. John, B.C., are helping to co-ordinate a search for a U.S. family now one week overdue on a trip through the province.

Mounties say Fred and Laura Stevenson and their six children, aged one to 15, are travelling from Michigan to Alaska in two vehicles.

Police say the family was expected to arrive in Circle, Alaska, on Sept. 6., and relatives believed they were in B.C. when they last checked in on Labour Day.

One of their vehicles is described as a red and black 1989 GMC pickup, pulling a full-size white, blue-trimmed GMC van, both with Michigan plates.

The second vehicle, with Louisiana plates, is a large black school bus, with a white roof, and it is reportedly pulling a plywood trailer, which also has Michigan plates.

The Stevensons are urged to contact police and their relatives if they learn of the search, while anyone spotting the family or the vehicles is asked to call the nearest RCMP detachment.

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▶ Lancy Hu.

Parents have wish fulfilled

The parents of Burnaby murder victim Lancy Hu say their wish in coming to Canada has been fulfilled.

Yanyu Xiao and Muming Hu say the discovery of the body of their 27-year-old daughter has been incredibly difficult, but also offers them some peace.

The couple made a tearful appeal for information about Lancy shortly after arriving from China earlier this summer, in the wake of Hu's disappearance in July.

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News in brief

Fans stuck with fake tix

COMPLAINTS. Abbotsford police are investigating a series of complaints after a number of concert goers in the last three days were stopped at the door after learning the tickets they bought were fake.

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Teachers withdraw from talks

VIOLATING POWERS. The union representing B.C. teachers is halting talks with the government meant to remedy a court decision that ruled teachers' bargaining powers are being violated.

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Hikers could be freed in days

Families are 'overjoyed' Accused deny charges, saying they might have mistakenly crossed Iraq border

Iran's president predicted yesterday that two Americans arrested in July 2009 while hiking along the Iraq-Iran border and sentenced to eight years in jail on espionage-related charges could be freed "in a couple of days" after a court set bail of $500,000 US each.

The events appeared timed to boost the image of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad coinciding with his visit to New York next week for the UN General Assembly session. Last year, a third American was released on bail around the same time.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. was "encouraged" by Ahmadinejad's comments.

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▶ U.S. hikers Shane Bauer, left, and Josh Fattal at trial in Iran in February.

Lawyer Masoud Shafiei said the court would begin the process to free Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal after payment of the bail, which must be arranged through third parties because of U.S. economic sanctions on Iran. The timing of the court's decision is similar to last year's bail deal mediated by the Gulf state of Oman that freed a third American, Sarah Shourd.

"They accepted to set bail to release," Shafiei told The Associated Press after leaving court. "The amount is the same for Sarah."

Ahmadinejad, in an interview aired on NBC's Today show, described the bail offer as a "humanitarian gesture" and repeated complaints about attention for Iranians held in U.S. prisons.

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Train. Wreck

▶ View of a crash between two passenger trains and a bus in Buenos Aires yesterday.

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Driver makes fatal miscalculation

A bus driver gambled and tried to rush across railroad tracks yesterday despite a barrier, bells and flashing lights, setting off a chain-reaction collision with two trains that killed 11 people and injured hundreds in Buenos Aires. The collision happened at 6:15 a.m. during the busy rush hour in the Flores neighbourhood.

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Taliban hits Kabul

Violence a stark reminder of instability that still plagues Afghanistan nearly a decade after U.S. invasion

Official reaction

- U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. will do everything it can to combat those who committed the "cowardly attack."
- NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the "enemies of Afghanistan" were trying to disrupt the handing over of security responsibility to the Afghan army and police.

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▶ Afghan women, workers of the health ministry, call their families during firing between the militants and Afghan security forces in Kabul yesterday.

Taliban insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, heavy machine guns and assault rifles at the U.S. Embassy, NATO headquarters and other buildings in the heart of the capital yesterday while suicide bombers struck police buildings in an attack blitz that displayed the ability of militants to bring their fight to the doorsteps of Western power in Afghanistan.

The co-ordinated assaults — coming two days after the United States marked the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks — carried an unsettling message to Western leaders and their Afghan allies about the resilience and reach of the Taliban network.

It was the third major attack in Kabul since late June, casting fresh doubts on the ability of Afghans to secure their own country as the U.S. and other foreign troops prepare to withdraw by the end of 2014.

The American Embassy and NATO both said no staff were wounded. Afghan officials said the violence around Kabul resulted in the deaths of four police officers and two civilians. Another 12 people were wounded, including at least four caught up in suicide bombings in the western part of the capital.

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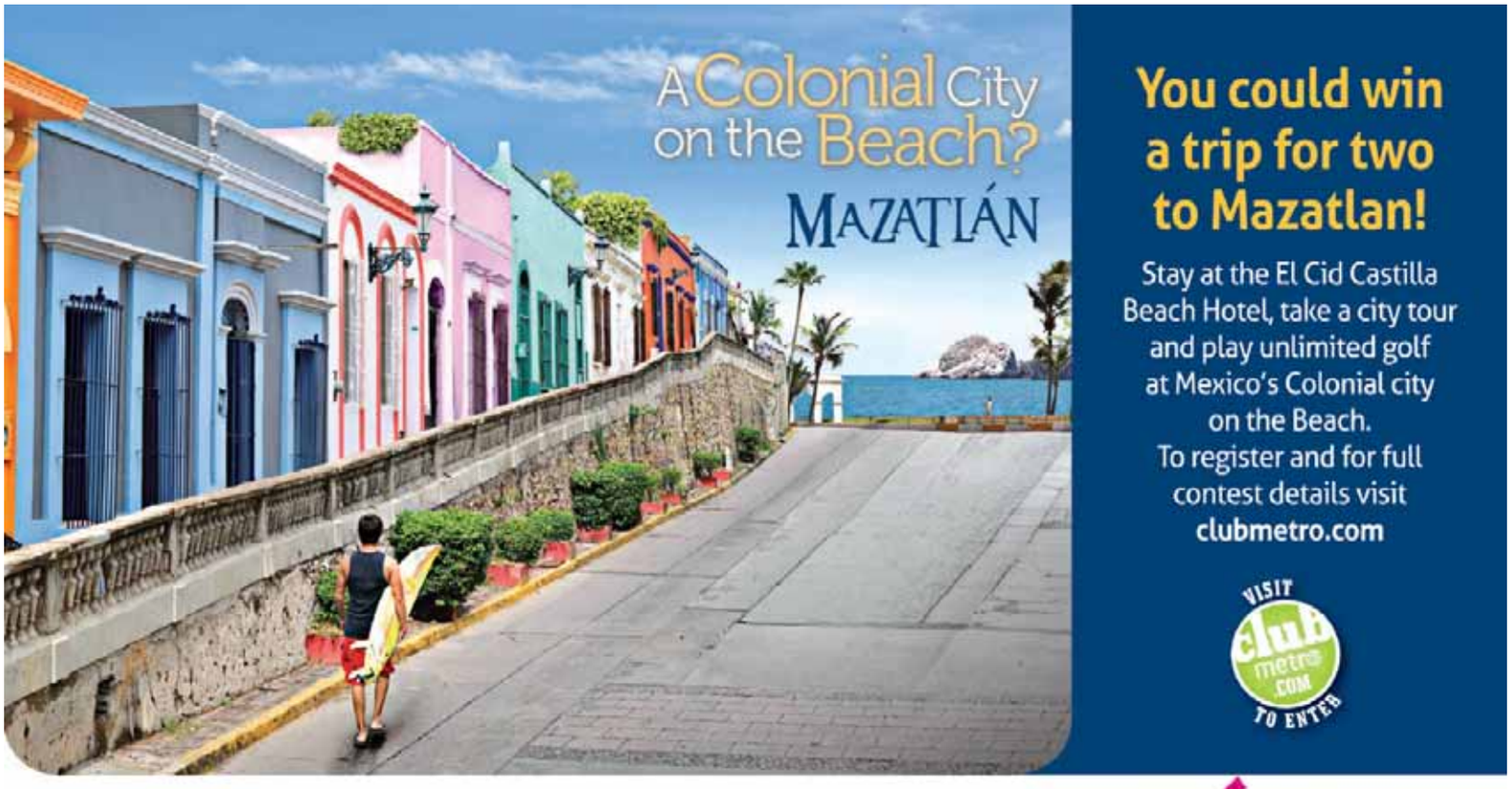
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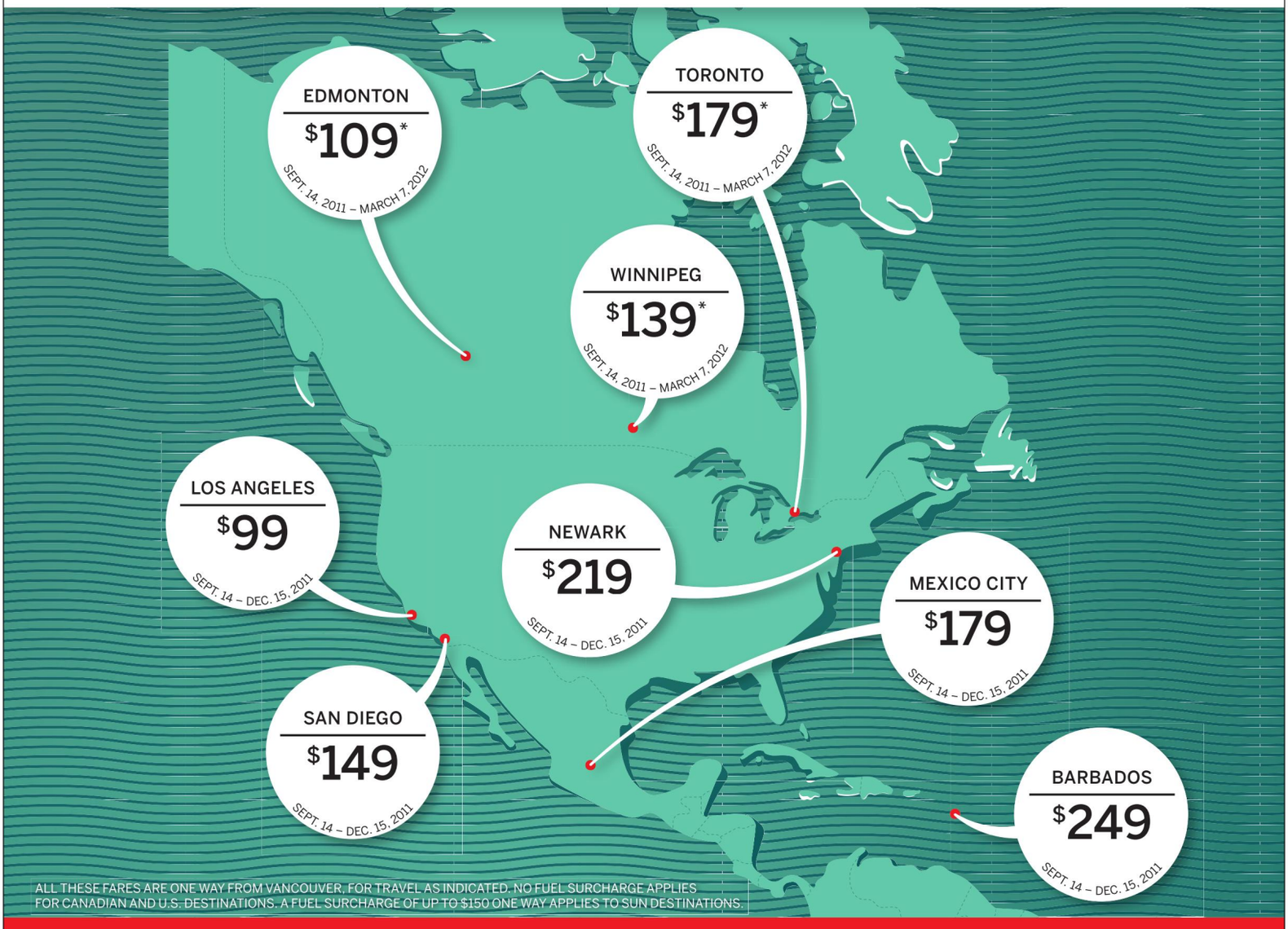

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▶ In this image taken from video, a group of people rescue an unconscious Brandon Wright.

Group of 'angels' save crash victim's life

The bystanders had to act quickly. A motorcyclist had just collided with a car and was pinned beneath the flaming wreckage.

Disregarding their own safety, they lined up on one side of the car. And slowly, they managed to lift the roughly 4,000-pound car just high enough for one rescuer to pull Brandon Wright to safety.

They are being called "heroes" and "angels" — their few minutes of heroics was captured on video and has gone viral on the Internet.

"I'm just very thankful for everyone that helped me out," Wright told The Associated Press by telephone from his hospital bed. "They saved my life."

Most of those who helped then scattered.

"Every one of those people put their lives in danger," assistant police Chief Jeff Curtis said, adding that "you can only speculate what the outcome would have been if they hadn't lifted that car."

At a hospital news conference yesterday, Wright's uncle, Tyler Riggs, recounted what Wright told his family about Monday's accident.

The crash happened near Utah State University in Logan, north of Salt Lake City. Wright was headed to study at a computer lab, Riggs said. The BMW was pulling out of a parking lot.

The bike hit the car's hood and bounced to the ground, while Wright, who was not wearing helmet, slid under the car and then both vehicles burst into flames, Curtis said.

Despite not wearing a helmet, Riggs said, Wright had suffered no head trauma.

However, Wright does have two broken legs, a broken pelvis, road rash, burns on his left foot and abrasions to his forehead.

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▶ A homeless man plays his guitar while panhandling on the street in New York City in June.

Canada's income gap widening faster than peers'

Canada is rapidly catching up to the United States as a country divided between haves and have-nots, according to a study issued yesterday by the Conference Board.

The Conference Board says income inequality has been rising more in Canada than in the United States since the mid-1990s, and faster than in many peer countries.

In fact, the think-tank says Canada had the fourth-largest increase in income disparity among a sample group of 17 advanced economies in the period between the mid-1990s and the late 2000s.

"Even though the U.S. currently has the largest rich-poor income gap among these countries, the gap in Canada has been rising at a faster rate," said Anne Golden, the board's chief executive.

Overall, income inequality rose in 10 of the countries sampled, rising fastest in Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

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U.S. poverty rate soars to 1 in 6

50 million Americans go without health coverage, report reveals

The ranks of America's poor swelled to almost one in six people last year, reaching a new high as long-term unemployment left millions of Americans struggling and out of work. The number of uninsured edged up to 49.9 million, the biggest in more than two decades.

The Census Bureau's annual report released yesterday offers a snapshot of the economic well-being of U.S. households for 2010, when joblessness hovered above nine per cent for a second year. It comes at a politically sensitive time for President Barack Obama, who has acknowledged in the midst of a re-election fight that the unemployment rate could persist at high levels through next year.

The overall poverty rate climbed to 15.1 per cent, or 46.2 million, up from 14.3 per cent in 2009. The official poverty level is an annual income of $22,314 US for a family of four.

Reflecting the lingering impact of the recession, the U.S. poverty rate from 2007-2010 has now risen faster than any three-year period since the early 1980s, when a crippling energy crisis amid government cutbacks contributed to inflation, spiraling interest rates and unemployment.

Measured by total numbers, the 46 million now living in poverty is the largest on record dating back to when the census began tracking poverty in 1959. Based on percentages, it tied the poverty level in 1993 and was the highest since 1983.

The median household income was $49,445 US, down 2.3 per cent from 2009.

The latest numbers, which cover Obama's second year in office, offer political fodder for both parties as Obama seeks to push a new $447-billion US plan for creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

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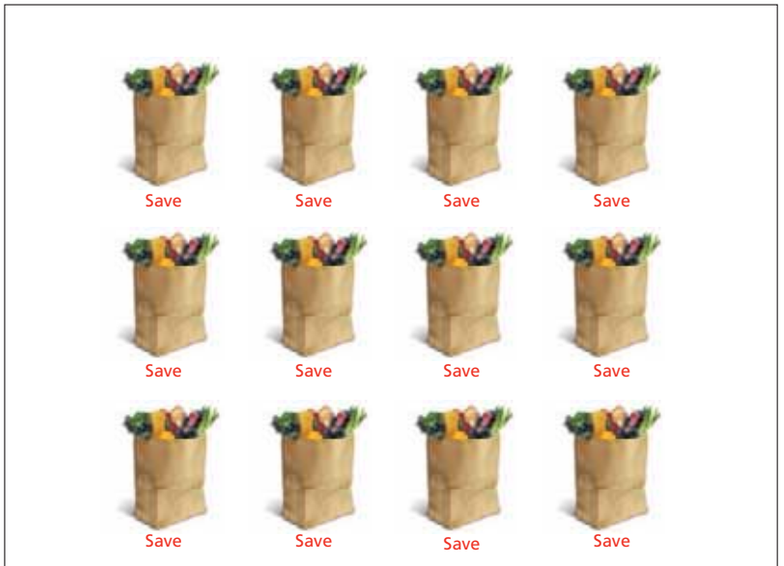
Other findings

- Poverty rose among all race and ethnic groups except Asians.
- The number of Hispanics in poverty increased to 26.6 per cent from 25.3 per cent.
- For blacks, it increased to 27.4 per cent from 25.8 per cent.
- The number of whites in poverty rose to 9.9 per cent from 9.4 per cent.



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Fraud convictions upheld in Livent case

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▶ Livent co-founder Garth Drabinsky

Disgraced impresarios Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb, whose company Livent Inc. was once the toast of the Canadian theatre scene, remain guilty of fraud but will serve shorter prison terms, Ontario's highest court has ruled.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the fraud convictions handed down by a lower court in 2009, but trimmed their jail time by two years each — Drabinsky must now serve five years behind bars, and Gottlieb four years.

The two were convicted after Ontario court Judge Mary Lou Benotto found that during a nine-year span they manipulated the income reported by Livent, once the driving force behind Canadian and Broadway theatre hits like The Phantom of the Opera and Showboat.

At the time of their trial, Benotto imposed a sentence that took into account the magnitude of the company's collapse — it was estimated at the time that investors lost some $500 million when the company went bankrupt in 1998.

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Market moment

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News in brief

Air Canada facing strike

DISPUTE. Air Canada could face its second work stoppage this year after flight attendants overwhelmingly endorsed a strike that could begin as early as next week.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees said yesterday that after a 10-day vote, employees voted 98 per cent to back a strike.

Unless a last-minute deal is reached, 6,800 flight attendants could walk off the job Sept. 21.

The key areas of dispute are wages, pensions and crew rest, working conditions and work rules, said Jeff Taylor, head of the flight attendants' union.

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Loonie finds lift

REBOUND. The Canadian dollar found lift against its U.S. counterpart yesterday, as a rebound in commodity prices overshadowed some troubling economic signs.

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Quick quiz: Who is the most admired person on Earth, living or dead? If your list starts with Martin Luther King Jr., you get the kewpie doll. For example, in a recent survey of 2,000 U.S. high school students, Dr. King was No. 1 above Benjamin Franklin and even Oprah, the only living admirable person who made the list. On survey after survey he's right up there with Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Winnie the Pooh (even though he is a bear of very little brain, OK?).

If your list started with Jackie Kennedy Onassis, you're eligible for therapy. She was probably the most notorious woman of her generation, but hardly the most admired. True, as U.S. first lady, she put up with serial adulterer John Kennedy until he was assassinated. But when she married Aristotle Onassis, the creepy Greek shipping magnate, she became an object of cynical disdain, especially when, once widowed, she launched a two-year legal battle to extract $26 million out of Christina Onassis, Ari's daughter and sole heir.

"If he was discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to 'affairs of state.'"

Here's an ironic historical footnote. Recently released interview tapes reveal that when she was first lady, Jackie thought King was "tricky" and "phoney" because the FBI caught him with a woman in his hotel room.

This was before it became apparent that "John Kennedy Slept Here" was a whole different story than "George Washington Slept Here."

It's not really fair to judge Jackie with the benefit of hindsight, but that tricky phoney has his own national holiday, Martin Luther King boulevards in every U.S. burg and more than 10,000 (and who knows the degree to which his fame extends to hamlets) public schools, community centres and libraries.

Jackie has the reservoir in Central Park, although once again I'm being unfair. She is also memorialized in a white gazebo in Middleburg, Va., where she often participated in the bizarre practice of inducing hounds to chase and tear apart a fox.

I'm not sure why Jackie O. was oblivious to greatness, athough I harbour graceless suspicions. Give her the benefit of the doubt and take the "tricky phoney" talk at face value. After all, if he were discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to "affairs of state."

The times, they are a changin'. And through it all, Winnie the Pooh remains devoted to Christopher Robin.

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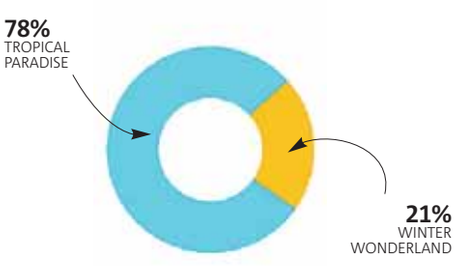

Local tweets

- **@MajorSamO:** @HortonRemstead Actually, it IS very overcast and gloomy. First day in weeks. My return to Vancouver has done the city in :(
- **@SpazzyLesbian:** Thought it'd be a nicer day today for us to go to the Vancouver Aquarium...but it's the nicest we can get before my coupon expires. =P
- **@Cinecraig:** This year's #VIFF special presentations include Sarah Polley, Sigur Ros, Steve Nash, Taiwan, and more bit.ly/nIFR5q What's your pick?
- **@dengshot:** Look up in the sky! Superheroes are rappelling down the AXA building all day in the Easter Seals Drop Zone http://ow.ly/6lZWI Vancouver
- **@PEER1:** It's almost drop zone time! Wish Christian luck as he rappels off a 20 story building on his 30th birthday: http://ow.ly/6tli3
- **@ThankASoldier:** Before people start lighting their torches & pitch forks please keep in mind Randall Hopley is still a "Suspect"

Worth mentioning

What's killing us? For decades, global health leaders have focused on diseases that can spread — AIDS, tuberculosis, new flu bugs. They pushed for vaccines, better treatments and other ways to control germs that were only a plane ride away from seeding outbreaks anywhere in the world.

Now they are turning to a new set of culprits causing what United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calls "a public-health emergency in slow motion." This time, germs aren't the target: We are, along with our bad habits like smoking, overeating and getting too little exercise.

Next week, the UN General Assembly will hold its first summit on chronic diseases — cancer, diabetes and heart and lung disease. Those account for nearly two-thirds of deaths worldwide, or about 36 million. In the United States, they kill nearly nine out of 10 people.

"The common belief that cancer is a problem of rich countries is a misconception," said Dr. Eduardo Cazap, president of the Union For International Cancer Control.

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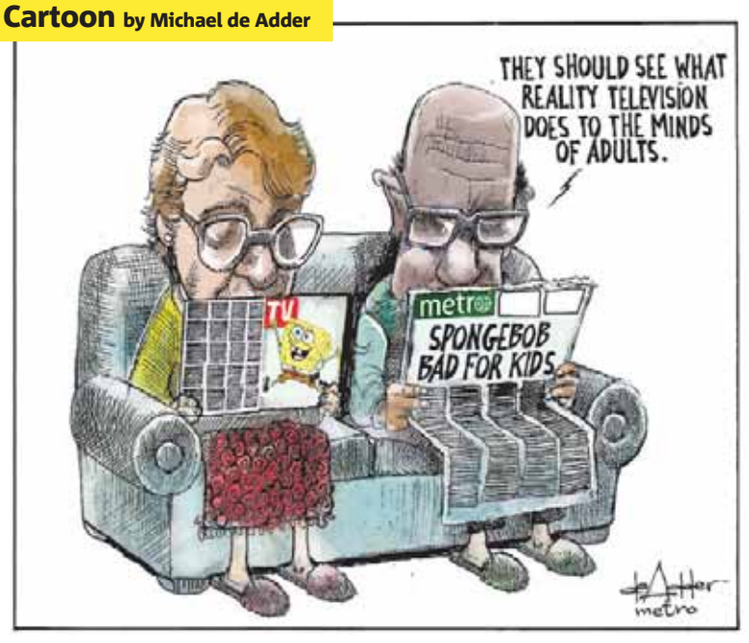

WEIRD NEWS

A 290-pound man goes to White Castle

A man is suing the White Castle chain, claiming the booths in one of its hamburger restaurants are too small.

Martin Kessman says in the federal lawsuit filed last week that he was embarrassed in 2009 when he tried squeezing his six-foot, 290-pound frame into the seating at a White Castle in New York state.

He says he slammed his knee into a metal post under the table and was in pain.

The lawsuit claims the restaurant could not accommodate a customer of Kessman's stature, in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The suit seeks an unspecified financial judgment.

Spokesman Jamie Richardson at White Castle headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, says the restaurant is being replaced and the new one will have roomier seating.

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▶ Drew Powell as Bic, James Marsden as David Sumner and Billy Lush as Chris star in Straw Dogs.

Dog days of summer

The man behind remake of Straw Dogs, Rod Lurie, speaks to Metro about its significance

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The year 1971 was a watershed time for new cinema. Films like A Clockwork Orange, Dirty Harry and Straw Dogs pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable on the silver screen. None are passive films.

Each brims with the obsessions of their makers, and for that each was the subject of controversy and censorship.

Eventually they became accepted by the mainstream. A Clockwork Orange has become a cultural touchstone, with everyone from Lady Gaga to David Bowie to Kylie Minogue, who dressed in a black bowler hat and a white jumpsuit on tour in 2002, paying tribute.

It was even played at the Cannes Film Festival and released on Blu Ray to mark its 40th anniversary. Dirty Harry is on constant rotation on television and Rod Lurie's remake of the Sam Peckinpah film Straw Dogs hits screens this weekend.

The movie stars James Marsden and Kate Bosworth as David and Amy Sumner, a big city couple who move back to her hometown on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them."
ROD LURIE

Tensions with some of the locals (including True Blood's Alexander Skarsgård) bubble to the surface and soon boil over into violence.

"If you look at a movie like Straw Dogs, which was heavily influenced by a book called The Territorial Imperative," says Lurie, "Peckinpah seems to be saying that violence is in the genetics of all men and therefore we must be aware of it so we can control it. It was extremely fascist thinking but that also seems to be the thing with Dirty Harry.

"A Clockwork Orange is a much more clinical look at that but I think artists were trying to provide the answers top what society was asking then. It was a very, very violent era.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them," Lurie continues, "and filmmakers were trying to provide some of the answers. You had everything from the assassinations of Kennedy and King to Vietnam to the Whitman murders to My Lai. I think all of society was trying to understand how human beings could do such things."

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Williams

Michelle Williams tells Vogue magazine in their upcoming issue that although life has settled since the death of her former fiance, actor Heath Ledger, it's affected all facets of her life.
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▶ Sarah Jessica Parker has had some real highs to her career. She has also had some terrifying lows.

Sarah Jessica Parker is best known as Carrie Bradshaw, the sharp-tongued figurehead of Sex and the City, the long-running ode to post feminism and stylish clothes. But before Mr. Big and the Louboutins she was a movie star with some classics — like Footloose — and some stinkers — like Dudley Do-Right — to her credit.

This weekend she's back on the big screen for the first time in a non-Sex and the City movie since the 2009 flop Did You Hear about the Morgans? In I Don't Know How She Does It she plays a version of Carrie all grown up with kids and a job in the financial sector. It's a far cry from her first big movie, Footloose.

She played Rusty, a role Parker called the "best friend of the pretty girl." The movie and its fancy footwork earned her a Best Young Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture Musical, Comedy, Adventure or Drama nomination at the Sixth Annual Youth in Film Awards.

A few forgettable films followed like Firstborn — described as a "heavy-handed suburban sitcom"— Girls Just Want to Have Fun — called "a total wannabe in the realm of '80s teen flicks"— and Flight of the Navigator, which features the voice of Pee Wee Herman as a robot.

It wasn't until she teamed with Steve Martin in L.A. Story that things started looking up. In this surreal look at life and love in Los Angeles Parker plays SanDeE, a ditzy blonde who aspires to be a spokesmodel.

"Um, it's just a model who speaks," she explains. "You know, and she points at things like merchandise, you know, like a car or washer and dryer. Sometimes it's something really small, you know, like, like a book or fine art print."

The movie broke her out of the teen movie mode and displayed her deft comic timing, which was put to great use in Honeymoon in Vegas opposite Nic Cage. A few flops later she appeared in the critically acclaimed Ed Wood with Johnny Depp. Playing the much put-upon girlfriend of the world's worst director, she calls the actors and crew of his film Bride of the Monster "the usual cast of misfits and dope addicts."

Her most spectacular pre-Sex and the City role, however, is in Mars Attacks. In it she plays a flighty talk show host, who literally becomes a talking head when she is beheaded by aliens.

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Aniston's mother has a stroke

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Jennifer Aniston

Star reportedly visiting her mom in hospital with her boyfriend Justin Theroux

Jennifer Aniston's mom, Nancy Dow, was reportedly hospitalized recently after suffering a stroke, according to the Daily Mail.

"She's in the hospital. She's fabulous, a very nice lady. She's also very private," a source says of Dow, who is said to be unable to speak and in serious condition.

Aniston reportedly visited the hospital with Justin Theroux at her side.

Aniston and Dow were on the outs for many years, with the actress not even inviting her mother to her 2000 wedding to Brad Pitt, though they reportedly reconciled in 2008.

Aniston's rep would only say that it was a private family matter.

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Travel in brief

Authors will be taking to the water on Sept. 25 for readings at the Word on the Street book and magazine festival in Halifax. The deck of CSS Acadia, the 98-year-old scientific ship parked beside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, will be the stationary setting for readings by Steven Laffoley and Jerry Lockett from their new, nautical books. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians less green when they're travelling than at home, says eco group.

French food, culture await in St. Pierre & Miquelon

The islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon offer a taste of France, just a short ferry ride off the coast of Newfoundland

This tiny collection of islands, about 25 kilometres from Fortune, N.L., has a total population of around 7,000 people. It is all that remains of colonial New France.

A former strategic land base for the once lucrative cod fishery, the French government now pays about $65 million a year in subsidies to sustain the islands — its only toehold in North America. St. Pierre and Miquelon were returned to France in 1815 after several stints of British occupation.

Today, residents speak French, deal in Euros and rely heavily on government jobs, fishing and tourism.

The smallest of the islands, St. Pierre, is also the most populated, with colourful clapboard homes on tidy, winding streets that are home to about 6,000 people. Restaurants and bakeries bustle with foreigners in summer.

History buffs won't want to miss the L'Arche museum in the centre of town, where a guillotine similar to one used in 1889 is housed. The eerie killing machine is on display next to the museum's main staircase. The only soul to die by guillotine in North America was a fisherman convicted of murdering a fishing boat captain. He was beheaded in St. Pierre on Aug. 24, 1889. It is said that local people were so disgusted the guillotine was never used again.

On the lighter side, visitors can also soak up rich tales of rum-running and gangsters, as St. Pierre became the ideal base for booze shipments to a very thirsty North America during Prohibition in the 1920s.

In Miquelon, with a permanent population of about 700 people, the church L'Eglise de Miquelon tells local history in its stained glass windows. "It's worth a visit because it's so beautiful," Madeline Fitzsimmons of Huntsville, Ont., said during a trip last month to the islands. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ The harbour of St. Pierre was once the perfect base for booze shipments for North America under the wraps of Prohibition.

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

Say goodbye to summer and hello to indoor pools and fall swimming lessons and other water classes

Have a water-filled fall

TEXT BY STEPHANIE ORFORD AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

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▶ Pools around the city offer aquatics programs to suit everyone.

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THE POOL: A brand-new facility, this aquatic centre is packed with activities and a range of learn-to-swim programs.

CHECK THIS OUT: Parent & Tot Lessons (for tots from six months to three years old) use songs and games to help little ones gain confidence in the water. They also learn basic water skills like floating and water entries.

COST: $58.50 for nine lessons.

WHERE IS IT?: 4575 Clancy Loranger Way (Ontario and 30th).

SWIM TO SURVIVE

The Lifesaving Society of Canada's Swim to Survive teaches basic survival skills including somersaulting into deep water (to simulate falling in unexpectedly), treading water for one minute (so you can catch your breath and look for help), and swimming 50 meters (to safety).

VISIT: youtube.com/watch?v=HBiS0os4m9Y for a video showing skills (available in 8 languages).

NEWTON RECREATION CENTRE

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THE POOL: This wave pool is the spot to go in Surrey for fun — and lessons — in the water.

CHECK THIS OUT: Women-only swim time on Monday and Wednesday nights from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., including both Aquafit classes and swimming lessons. Moms are always welcome to bring children (girls of all ages and boys under the age of seven).

COST: Ranges from $5.75 for adults to $3 per person for family admission. A low-income pass costs $12.25 for a year of unlimited admission, which also includes 75 per cent off swimming lessons.

WHERE IS IT: 13730 – 72 Ave., Surrey (near King George Highway and 72nd Ave.).

KAREN MAGNUSSEN POOL

(604) 987-7529
www.northvanrec.com/facilities

THE POOL: This wave pool in North Vancouver has a gradual entry that makes it easy and comfortable for everyone to get in.

CHECK THIS OUT: Own Your Fear of the Water is a course offered for adults. The classes actually start in the classroom and proceed to the pool where students are introduced to the water gently and safely.

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WHERE IS IT?: 65 East 6th Ave. in New Westminster (on Kirkstone Rd. near the Lynn Valley Rd. intersection).

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1. Preheat oven to 230 C (450 F). Or preheat barbecue to high.
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3. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add green onions and garlic; cook until fragrant but not browned, about 1 minute. Add mushrooms, fennel and thyme and cook until mushrooms are golden, most of the liquid has evaporated and fennel is tender crisp.
4. Spread 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the rice on one side of a sheet of parchment. Lay a portion of fish over rice, top with a quarter of the mushroom-fennel mixture and sprinkle with coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper. Repeat with remaining portions.
5. Seal packages and place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake in oven until puffed and golden, about 8 minutes. To cook on the barbecue, place packets on a rimmed baking sheet and place on grill over direct heat. Close lid and cook for about 8 minutes.
6. Serve in paper packet or carefully transfer contents to a dinner plate. Serve with lemon wedges.

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Shopping List:

Rice and Salmon Packets

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 4 green onions, white parts only, sliced (reserve greens for garnish)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 250 g (8 oz) shiitake mushrooms thickly sliced
- 1/2 small fennel bulb, sliced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced fresh thyme
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooled, cooked brown rice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 4 fish fillets (each 125 g/4 oz), such as salmon, halibut, cod or Arctic char
- Lemon wedges

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▶ Shabdit Shah pursued a placement relentlessly and his hard work finally paid off.

When I first heard about co-operative education programs offered at universities, I immediately figured that the work-study cycle would be an excellent way to gain exposure to the professional world.

All throughout my first year I was looking forward to working at a job related to what I was studying. As my first work term approached, I quickly realized how difficult it would be, especially since my faculty is the smallest on campus and I am competing with students in their upper years.

When I started searching for my first co-op position, there were lots of job postings available but out of the many positions I applied to, I only managed to obtain one interview out of that first cycle.

My search did not get any easier in the second job posting round, as the job postings became scarce and my chances at securing employment slim.

After countless cover letters and resumé modifications I received another two interviews, both which did not lead to a work placement. My struggles continued well into exam period last December and eventually the term ended.

As I was packing my belongings for the winter holidays I realized I had nowhere to work for my first co-op term.

Near the end of January I was able to secure employment through the university job search portal for a position I applied for several weeks back.

My first co-op job search in university taught me that previous experience (especially relevant experience) really counts and sometimes volunteer work doesn't cut it.

Employers should realize that students who are trying to secure their first work term placements are part of the pool that they will be selecting candidates from for the next couple of years as well. Don't rule students out when you see a lack of work experience on their resumés.

Students may not always have relevant work experience, but they may have other relevant volunteer experience instead.

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What I learned

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- Clearly highlight how your extra-curricular activities gave you transferable skills applicable to your job
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What does the future hold for the working world?

We asked Rohit Talwar, CEO of forecasting firm Fast Future, for a report 20 years in advance. Hint: Start working on your farming skills now.

Congrats to Apple University, class of 2031?

"School funding will be a huge issue because of the booming costs of looking after retirees. That's why companies will sponsor schools. In developed countries, the barrier between business and education will be blurred. Everything will be commercial and sponsored. If kids go to a school sponsored by a particular company, they might have to work for that company during the school breaks."

Bad news for bank tellers, good news for nurses

"Bank tellers will essentially disappear by 2031, as will jobs like subway drivers and check-in agents at airports. Only those who pay a premium will get human service. At the same time, a range of jobs will be created to look after retirees. Vertical farming will provide new careers, as will new forms of transport and technology-based education."

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▶ Those who study geriatrics may have little to worry about 20 years down the road.

Fashion and retail get a makeover

"3D printing will revolutionize manufacturing. Customers will be able to walk into a shop and design their own clothes, which will be manufactured on the spot. That will create new jobs, too."

In the classroom

"By 2031, education will have changed enormously, especially in developing countries. Technology will act as a teacher. There will be a teacher, but he or she will be many miles away."

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Salgado yet to find his footing

It's been a trying first season for Whitecaps' first-overall pick

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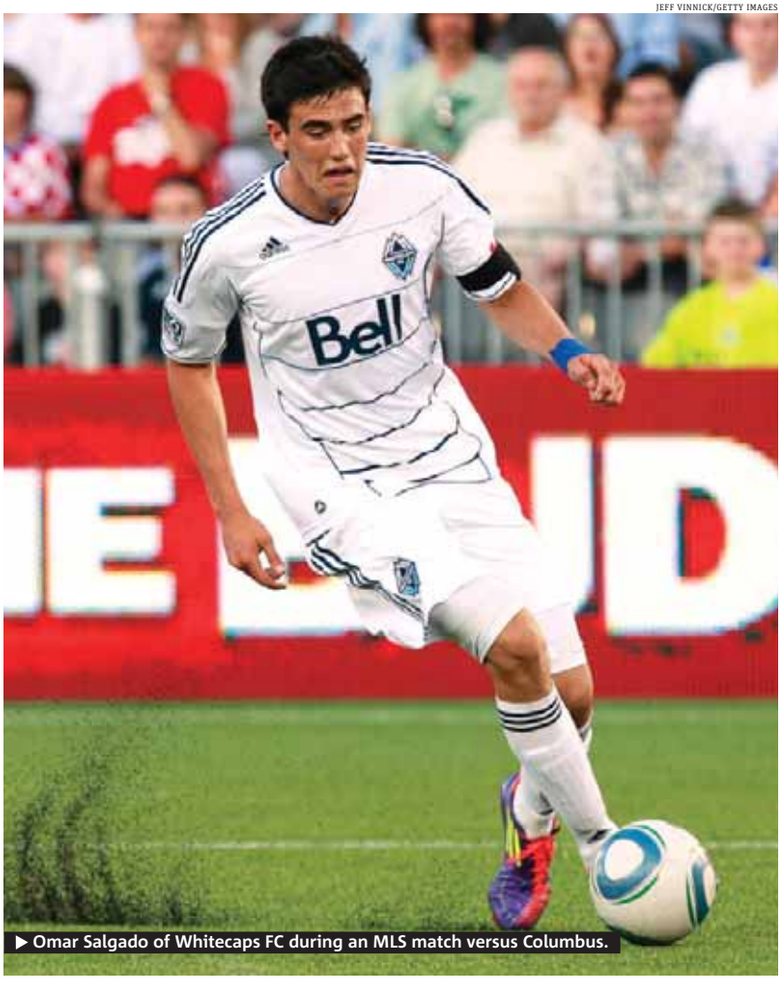

▶ Omar Salgado of Whitecaps FC during an MLS match versus Columbus.

During a recent practice, Vancouver Whitecaps rookie Omar Salgado tried to use his speed to take the ball around a defender only to be dumped onto the grass by a hard tackle.

An angry Salgado scrambled to his feet yelling and waving his arms. Veteran goalkeeper Joe Cannon shook his head as he watched the drama unfold in front of him.

"You're not going to get that call in a game either," shouted Cannon.

It's been a season of hard knocks for Salgado, the tall, lanky striker who was just 17 when the Whitecaps selected him first overall in the MLS SuperDraft.

So far this year Salgado has spent more time watching from the bench than playing. The El Paso, Texas, native also took a punch from a teammate during a practice scuffle.

"It's been difficult to adapt," Salgado said yesterday after practice. "Sometimes there are good moments, sometimes there are bad.

"The hardest part about it is the mental aspect and trying to keep your motivation up."

Salgado has appeared in 13 games this year, playing 487 minutes. He's started five times and scored one goal. In Vancouver's last seven games he's seen just six minutes of action as a substitution.

"I wish I could play two or three games consecutively and get the rhythm of the game," said Salgado, who celebrated his 18th birthday on Saturday.

"It's difficult to play every four or five weeks. Trying to make a difference in 90 minutes is a little difficult coming straight in from training every day."

Tom Soehn, the Whitecaps acting coach and director of soccer operations, said Salgado is a work in progress.

"It's a long-term project," said Soehn. "In a lot of respects he's got more minutes than a lot of teams would have given him.

"He's got a world of upside. If he continues to work hard, he can reach that upside."

Cannon, who has spent over a decade playing MLS, said Salgado may need an attitude adjustment to reach his full potential.

"Omar has a good future ahead of him if he wants it," said Cannon. "That to me is probably the biggest question mark with him, to find a work ethic within him to propel him to the next level.

"He needs to learn to channel his energy. I would like to see him work on his game a little more. With him, it's just a matter of knowing what to do and him making the choice if he wants to do it."

Dark-haired and soft-spoken, Salgado carries only 170 pounds on a six-foot-four frame. At times this year it was clear he was a boy playing with men.

"I played in Mexico for two years," he said. "It's a lot more physical here. They (MLS players) are a lot bigger, stronger, a lot faster.

"It's more direct. I had to adapt fast and I'm still trying."

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Tough transition

Omar Salgado was 15 when he left home to join Mexican giants Club Deportivo Guadalajara.

- Salgado has dual American and Mexican citizenship. His mother is American and his father Mexican.
- It's easy to forget Salgado is still a teenager who can't legally join teammates for a drink.
- "I don't know what to talk to them about and we don't have much in common," he said. "I get lonely a lot."

4 sports

Sports in brief

Former World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, who retired this year amid allegations of banned-substance use, is facing criminal prosecution on charges he hit his wife during an argument. Ramirez, 39, could get up to a year in jail if convicted of misdemeanour domestic-battery charges. He was released on $2,500 US bail yesterday after spending the night in the Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Monster engine

The Dodge Charger SRT8's potency has been significantly enhanced for 2012.

The previous 2010 SRT8 (a 2011 version was never offered) generated 425 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque from a 6.1-litre "Hemi" V-8.

What's now being served up is a 6.4-litre Hemi that produces 470 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque.

What's more, a significant amount of that torque kicks in below the 3,000-r.p.m. range to help enhance the car's off-the-line scoot.

Hustle and (gas) flow

The SRT's development team will brag that the chunky 1,985-kilogram Charger can hustle to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from a dead stop in "the high four-second range" and is capable of a 280 km/h top speed.

To try to keep the SRT8's premium-gas habit within an acceptable range, the engine uses Chrysler's latest deactivation technology that cuts out half the cylinders over a wider r.p.m. range for an estimated 25 per cent increase in highway fuel economy (8.0 l/100 km, est.).

Brembo brakes

Perhaps the most obvious SRT8 feature is its very distinctive 20-inch (and nine-inch-wide) polished aluminum wheels that really set this beast apart from mainstream Chargers.

To haul the big, bad Dodge down in a hurry, there are front and rear Brembo-brand four-piston brake calipers and a special underbody ducting that help keep the brakes cooler and more fade-resistant.

▶ Well ... what else are you going to do with 470 horsepower? Exaggerated looks and exaggerated power leads to exaggerated tire smoke.

A 21-gun salute to a bygone era

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Into this eco-minded age of milquetoast hybrid and electric vehicles, the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8 comes roaring back to life sporting a honking-big V-8 engine and a serious case of nose-thumbing attitude.

Consider this big family sedan a 21-gun salute to a bygone era when full-size North American family sedans could be optioned with a surplus of tire-smoking grunt that made its normally buttoned-down drivers smile gleefully from ear to ear while the neighbours simply ran for cover.

The Charger is no anomaly, but part of a family of SRT8-branded vehicles for the 2012 model year that also includes the Chrysler 300, Dodge Challenger and Jeep Grand Cherokee. They form what is one of the widest arrays of all-out performance machinery available anywhere.

Compared to the previous SRT8, this one bares its teeth in a more menacing fashion.

The basic Charger underwent a 2011 refit that gave it a sleeker and more aggressive look, improved road manners and a new base V-6.

The SRT8 expands on this theme.

Needless to say, the $54,000 (estimated) SRT8's performance and creature comforts would amaze its Hemi Charger ancestors.

That a car like this even exists in this day and age is perhaps the most amazing fact of all.

Charger SRT8

What you should know about the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 6.4-litre OHV V-8 (470).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic with paddle shifters.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 15.0/8.0 (est.).

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Looking for a used family hauler that doesn't make a scene, is easy to park, and doesn't burn through fuel like a refinery fire? Skip the rest of this write-up on the Hummer H2.

Launched for the 2003 model year, this Hummer featured 325 horsepower, a gargantuan body, and more off-road hardware than most of its owners would come close to needing. Big, tough and aggressive, the H2 was a fashion statement as much as a rock-crawling weapon.

Look for automatic climate control, power accessories, leather seats, Bose audio, auto-dimming mirrors and plenty more.

2003-10 Hummer H2

Engine

H2's six-litre, 325-horsepower engine was replaced in 2008 with a 6.2-litre unit that cranked out 393 ponies. The four-speed automatic was replaced with a six-speed unit, too.

What owners like

Most owners report that their H2s deliver a smooth and comfortable ride that's also quiet when driven modestly. Interior space and size, functionality, versatility and all-road confidence are other major plusses, alongside a built-in sense of adventure.

What owners dislike

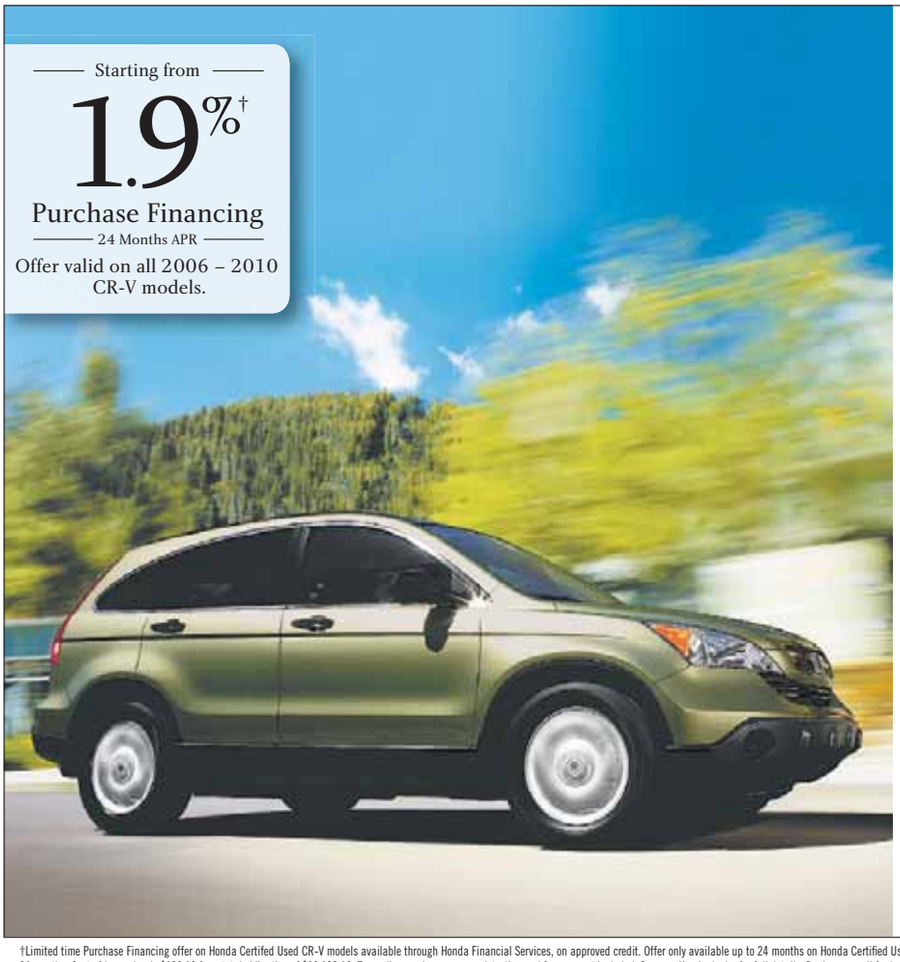
Gripes tend to centre around fuel consumption, parking difficulties, and issues fitting into snug quarters. Some owners wish for more performance from the factory Bose audio system, more in-cabin storage and more thoughtfulness to the ergonomics.

Common issues

Ensure your potential H2 tracks straight down the road, as some owners have reported alignment issues evidenced by a "pull" to one side or the other. Cycle the H2 between its two- and four-wheel drive modes as outlined in the owner's manual, ensuring the transfer case shifts properly. Check carpeting thoroughly for signs of moisture, which may be caused by clogged, kinked or leaky sunroof drain hoses. Also ensure that steering-wheel mounted controls for the audio system and cruise control work properly.

Verdict

A healthy Hummer H2 with a mechanical thumbs-up should prove a unique, flexible family hauler that's big on size and capability.



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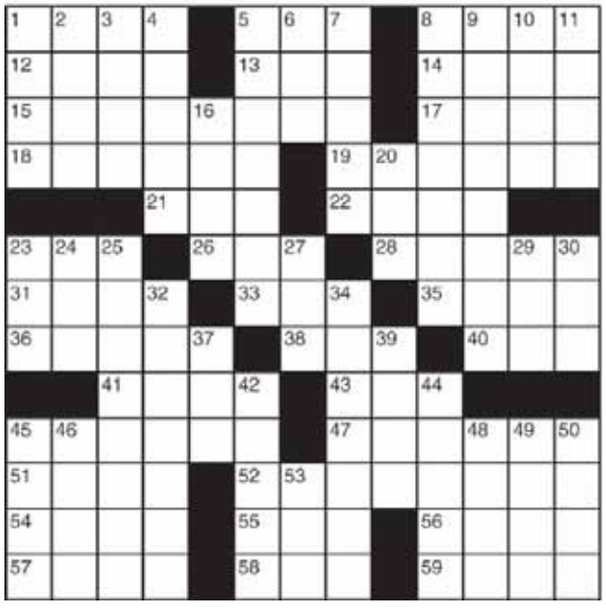

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8 Satan's minions
12 Getting — years
13 Nipper's co.
14 "The Lion King" lioness
15 Woe
17 British gun
18 Surpass
19 Group of seven
21 Ex-garment
22 Eastern potentate (Var.)
23 Dog's "dog"
26 Brooks or Blanc
28 Filch
31 Promptly, on a memo
33 Dopey companion?
35 Catch sight of
36 Argentina's neighbour
38 Legislation
40 Witness
41 See to
43 Go up and down
45 Rub harshly against
47 Lack of vitality
51 Weeding tools
52 Stronghold
54 Otherwise
55 Raw rock
56 Carry on
57 Rolling stone's lack
58 Obtained
59 Choir voice

Down

1 Took the bus
2 Alternative to Windows
3 Platter
4 Go in
5 Coated in flour
6 Suffix with robot
7 High-ranking Turk
8 Notwithstanding, with "of"
9 Futon, for one
10 Entreaty
11 Beach stuff
16 Paper quantity
20 Type measures
23 — -Man (vintage video game)
24 Cigar residue
25 Diner employee
27 "That's funny," to a texter
29 Gorilla
30 Caustic solution
32 Satisfies
34 Life, to Sally Bowles
37 Tackle's teammate
39 Refuses to
42 Clear the air?
44 "Déja vu all over again" speaker
45 Throat clearer
46 String tie
48 Repast
49 "— It Romantic?"
50 Regarding
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▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Believe in yourself and the world will believe in you too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Certain theories may seem convincing but you don't need to adopt what other people believe.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't get too adventurous financially because this is not a good time to take that kind of risk.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You need to be aware today of how your decisions impact on other people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your confidence will get the kind of boost that makes all things seem possible.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you were planning something strenuous for today or tomorrow it might be wise to think again.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be called on to deal with a challenge to your authority.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It may seem as if you are at the mercy of events but it is how you react to those events that matters.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't need to spend a fortune to get what you desire.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't let the world stifle your creativity.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Do whatever it takes to free up some time for yourself and the things that you want to do.

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HIGHWAY 4.9L/100 KM 58 MPG◘

NO DOWN PAYMENT
ACCENT L 5DR 6-SPEED.
DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

GLS model shown

4 DESIGN 2012 ELANTRA SEDAN

2011 BEST COMPACT CAR
– AUTOPACIFIC VEHICLE SATISFACTION AWARDS‡

OWN IT $144† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

WITH 2.90% FINANCING FOR 60 MONTHS

NO DOWN PAYMENT
ELANTRA L 6-SPEED.
DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

HIGHWAY 4.9L/100 KM 58 MPG▼

Limited model shown

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5 UTILITY 2012 SANTA FE 2.4L GL AUTO

2011 BEST-SELLING IMPORT SUV IN CANADA‡‡

OWN IT $218† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

WITH 0% FINANCING FOR 60 MONTHS

NO DOWN PAYMENT
SANTA FE 2.4L GL AUTO.
DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

HIGHWAY 7.2L/100 KM 39 MPG▼

5 YEAR WARRANTY 100,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY▪

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty
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